logy to Pakistan beyond its legitimate requirements of defence, poses a threat to India's security and to the maintenance of peace and stability in South Asia. In recent years India has engaged in a sincere dialogue with China on various issues of mutual concern and stressed to the letter the need for avoidance of actions that do no build mutual understanding between India and China.

(b) All developments which have a bearing on India's security are kept under constant review by Government and all necessary steps taken to safeguard our national interest.

Coastal road along the East Coast

1428. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coastal road along the East Coast is included in the National Highways;

(b) whether formation of the coastal road from Kanyakumari has been completed; and

(c) if not, by when the project is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Import of cellular telephones

1429. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import cellular telephones;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with background of this move;

(c) the name of country from where this import is to be made;

(d) what are special features of this cellular telephone instrument;

(e) whether Government propose to manufacture these instruments in the country after import; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Department of Telecommunications is considering a proposal in consultation with Ministry of Finance.

(b) There has been an increasing demand for Cellular Phones in Metropolitan cities from the business community. The cellular technology is to be tried in India during 8th Five Year Plan. It is a technology with wider applications including in rural areas.

(c) Not decided.

(d) The new technology will provide the communication to the mobile as well as to the fixed subscriber. The Cellular Phone will provide continuous communication when subscriber is moving from one city to another without disconnection anywhere in the country, if nation wide network is provided. It will also provide data service, FAX, secured communication and integrated Subscriber Digital Network type service in future.

(e) The decision on the import of the Cellular System is yet to be finalised.

(f) Government had received some applications for setting up of manufacturing facilities for manufacture of Cellular Mobile Telephone Systems. These applications will be considered after a suitable decision on the introduction of Cellular System is taken.